

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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TOURISTS GOING ABROAD
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Indian tourists who have visited foreign countries on their vacations during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the tourism industry has come out of the global slowdown in terms of the tourists traffic both domestic and international;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED)

(a) to (c): The number of Indian Nationals Departures to different countries during 2008, 2009 and 2010 and their growth over the previous year are given below:

Year	Indian Nationals Departures (in million)	Growth over previous period
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2008	10.87	11.1%
2009	11.07	1.8%
2010 (P)	12.07	9.0%

(P): Provisional

This information for the year 2011 is not available.

The number of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India, during 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 (Jan – July), and their growth over the previous periods are given below:

Year	FTAs (in million)	Growth over previous period
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2008	5.28	4.0%
2009	5.17	-2.2%
2010 (P)	5.58	8.1%
2011 (Jan – July) (P)	3.42	10.8%

(P): Provisional

The number of Domestic Tourist Visits (DTVs), during 2008, 2009 and 2010, and their growth over the previous periods are given below:

Year	DTVs (in million)	Growth over previous period
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2008	563.03	7.0%
2009	668.80	18.8%
2010 (P)	740.21	10.7%

(P): Provisional

This information is not available for 2011.

(d): To attract more tourists to India, Ministry of Tourism has taken number of steps including advertising in India and abroad, participation in travel fairs, exhibitions, road shows, India evenings, seminars & workshops, publication of brochures, offering incentives to inbound travelers, and inviting media personalities, tour operators and opinion makers to visit the country under the Hospitality Programme of the Ministry.

The Ministry of Tourism also undertakes various activities for promotion of Domestic Tourism. These activities are mainly aimed at increasing awareness about tourism destinations and products, promoting tourism within the country with focus on areas like the North East Region and Jammu & Kashmir and promoting events having tourism potential. Social Awareness Campaigns are also launched to sensitise stakeholders and the general public about issues pertaining to hygiene and cleanliness as well as the importance of good behaviour towards tourists.